

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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This Submission is to address the TAFE Cuts brought about by Smart and Skilled, and the issues that have arisen due to them.

As a current TAFE Student, I have not attended an adult learning environment for many years, but am aware of changes due to budget cuts that have affected fellow students.

Having to wait three years to be accepted into a course and then being required to pay thousands of dollars just to attend has a great impact on the students, and may diminish their willingness to advance their education.

Smart and skilled have also made cuts to TAFE Courses, which will prevent students from progressing further through their educational pathway into their chosen field of employment.

The method in which training and education is provided has been greatly impacted, as those who would have excelled in a classroom environment may not have the opportunity to choose those courses as they may have been discontinued. This will force students to seek out private education providers or go online which may not meet their needs. Many students choose TAFE to access the support services that TAFE provides.

In conclusion, TAFE cuts brought about by Smart and Skilled have and will affect students of today, tomorrow and in the future.